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SUBJECT: ATPDEA LETTER TO PRESIDENT BUSH FROM ANDEAN  
COMMUNITY PRESIDENTS

1. Post received the following letter thanking President Bush for his efforts to extend the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA) from Bolivian President Evo Morales, Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, Ecuadorian President Alfredo Palacio and Peruvian Foreign Minister Jose Antonio Garcia Belaunde on 11/6. It was conveyed to Embassy by Secretary General of the Andean Community Alfredo Fuentes.

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Post has pouched the original to WHA/AND Peru Desk. Text follows:

THE ANDEAN COMMUNITY

November 3, 2006

His Excellency  
George W. Bush  
President of the United States of America  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We want to extend our thanks for your effort in the extension of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA). As beneficiary countries of ATPDEA trade preferences, we recognize its importance as a fundamental tool for the promotion of economic development and the strengthening of commercial relations between the United States and our respective countries. At the same time, we believe that the ATPDEA expresses our shared responsibility in the fight against narcotics trafficking.

With ATPDEA's assistance, the Andean Region has increased its exports and strengthened its common objectives. Key industries in our economies have benefited substantially from this legislation, which, at the same time, has generated positive and tangible results to our societies in the form of higher employment. This system of commercial preferences for the Andean region has been fundamental to promoting commercial development in our region. We want to reiterate that the extension of ATPDEA will contribute to the stability of the region, a key factor to the advancement of our democracies.

We reiterate our thanks for your efforts to fight for ATPDEA extension in the hope that this agreement continues to generate the benefits that it has achieved to date.

We take this opportunity to express to you our highest consideration.

Evo Morales Ayma  
Constitutional President of Bolivia

Alvaro Uribe Velez  
President of the Republic of Colombia

Alfredo Palacio Gonzalez  
Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador

Jose Antonio Garcia Belaunde  
(Secretary) Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru

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